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Every day of every year

Students who worked hard to make the grade at Barth Elementary stopped to pose for the cameras after an event that recognized their ability to stay on the honor roll for the entire school year. The honor roll, which includes students who have no less than a B in each subject they tackle, is a time-honored tradition teachers use to motivate students. Here, a group of sixth graders made the cut. They are (first row, left to right) Savannah Moffat, Taylor Kuss, Holly Hammond and Dayna Heard. In the second row are: Travis Bergman, Travis LaPorte, Brandon Matton and Sherrick Mack. In the third row are Jimmy Van Assche, Jessica Dawson, Rosie Roberts, Alexis Stevenson, Derrian Cooley and Johnny Watts.

New superintendent enjoys challenge

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

New superintendent of schools Carl Weiss has met a life-long goal in coming to Romulus.

"I'm very excited to be here," he said Tuesday, after he tied up loose ends at the Dearborn 7 School District, where he served as deputy superintendent. "There are many challenges here, but I like that."

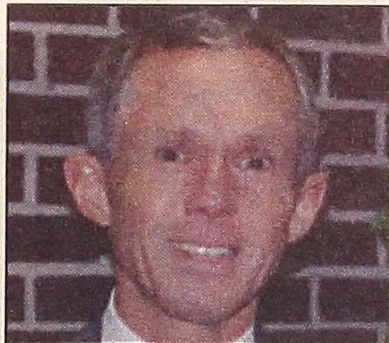
Amid all of the new faces, and all of the things he needs to learn about the city and the schools, he's plotting his next move - assessing how programs are working in the district, and

finding places for new ideas to fit into an already established system.

"I intend to spend my first here looking at educational programs, and the ones that are outstanding, we'll keep," he said. "There are a lot of those. From what I've seen so far, there are some excellent things happening here in the district."

Which makes it more perplexing that so many students - about 750 to be exact - have left the district, he said.

"There are so many good programs here that I found it strange - but I'm going to look at ways to get them back," he said.



Carl Weiss

"We need to ask the people who have left, 'Why did you go? And, we need ask them, 'Is there anything we can do to get you back?'"

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Romulus schools finalize upcoming budget

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Romulus Board of Education members approved the budget for the 2006-07 school year at their regular Monday night meeting.

The nearly \$43 million budget was devised by Sherri Papazoglou and other financial staff members during the course of the previous six months, and was finalized only after district officials realized they would need to cut \$3.1 million and lay off more than 40 employees to

balance the books.

The cuts were finalized earlier this month, and unionized employees have received pink slips in advance, as required by the collective bargaining agreement between the district and unions.

Budget woes have plagued the district for two years, but this is the first time in many years the district has had to lay employees off, said schools spokesman Dick Kruse.

The breakdown of the budget shows that of the \$43 million, about 38.5 percent is made up of

local sources, like property taxes, facility rental and interest income. Another 8.64 percent is made up of grant funds, and about 53.76 comes from the state.

School funding - which was raised by \$175 per student this year by the state - has been a problem for districts struggling to keep up with increasing costs. Retirement costs for employees have increased from last year by 1.4 percent of the total budget. Insurance rates increased by 6.7 percent, utilities are expected to

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Ditches, dust angers residents

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Residents of one of the oldest neighborhoods in Romulus complained Monday night that a capital improvements project is turning their community into a death trap.

Water main and other road improvements have been under way for about a year in the Junction subdivision and the surrounding area. But uncovered ditches - some of which are more than 6 feet deep - have riled some residents.

About 70 of them packed into the Romulus City Council meeting to voice their concerns.

Byron Butler, a 43-year-old resident with two small children who lives on Gabriel Street, was the first of nearly 25 residents to directly address the council.

"There's quite a few small children who live in the community, and they could easily fall into one of those ditches," he said. "There's no continuity in the project - you can look down the road, and there's no consistency. All of these things need to be covered. We pay taxes here - and this is like living down south. Only the taxes are not what they are down south."

Mayor Alan Lambert - who said he's never received a call from any residents expressing concerns about the project - defended it during the three-hour long meeting.

"This is the only area in the city that's getting any sort of improvements, and it's not a new area," he said. "We're spending \$5 million there to help you - not to make things more difficult."

But many residents say the ongoing construction - including the ditch issues - is worse than the conditions the city aimed to correct.

Jean Boatwell said a huge ditch near her home makes it difficult to back out of her driveway. Mosquitoes and other bugs are a problem because of standing water, she said.

"I did ask for the contractor to put gravel down (in her dri-

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Township imposes voluntary water restrictions

Andrea King
Staff Writer

As summer temperatures continue to rise, so will the demand for water, which is the reason Van Buren Township officials are initiating a voluntary restriction on water use.

"It's exactly the same procedure with exactly the same reason: to try and keep our peak water use down and encourage conservation," said Patti Duha, director of water and sewer operation for Van Buren Township.

Duha said they are advising township residents to participate in the voluntary water use

restrictions to help save funds in the future.

A major factor used by the Detroit Water and Sewer Department to determine the water rates is a peak day and peak hour demand charge. The peak hour demand charges are the costs of facilities such as water treatment plants, pumps and pipelines during high water usage or peak demand periods, according to Duha.

Typically, the township has peak demands during hot, dry weather, but outdoor usage is also driving very high peak demands, and as a result, driving the water rates from Detroit

much higher than they should be, Duha added.

"We were told that our peak use was so high last year; that's why we had an 8 percent increase in rates," she said.

"We're concerned about the cost and impact on the customers."

This year, water rates for the township went from \$12.48 to \$13.88 per thousand cubic feet. In Sumpter Township, the rate increased from \$9.67 to \$11.13 per thousand cubic feet and \$12.02 to \$12.53 per thousand cubic feet for Belleville.

Van Buren Township residents with odd-numbered

addresses are asked to water their lawns, fill their pools and wash their cars on odd-numbered days; people with even-numbered addresses are urged to water only on even-numbered days.

Residents are also asked to limit or avoid outdoor water use between 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. when overall consumption is at its peak. Customers with underground lawn irrigation systems are asked to program watering to start after midnight and end by 5 a.m. to follow the odd/even schedule.

Belleville is not planning to start a voluntary water use

restriction, yet, but it is a possibility.

"We typically only do that when Detroit Water and Sewer suggests it to us, like when there's a water emergency or if there's a drought," said Keith Boc, director of department of public services for Belleville.

Last year, Belleville tended to peak each day from 8-10 a.m. before work and again from 5-8 p.m. after work.

The voluntary water use restrictions will continue through September. For more information, contact the township water and sewer department at (734) 699-8925.

Strawberry Idol winners named

Organizers of the Strawberry Idol contest that took place during the strawberry festival have announced the winners in each of the three divisions.

In the adult division first place winner was Mizfit of Southgate, who performed "Chain of Fools" by Aretha Franklin. Second place winner was Dan Greer of Taylor, who sang "With Arms Wide Open" by Creed and third place winner was Gregory Hudson of Detroit, who performed "Mustang Sally" by Wilson Pickett.

Teen division winners include: first place winner Joshua Simmons of Belleville who sang "Superstar" by Ruben Studdard; second place winner Laura Hieber of Ann Arbor who performed "Independence Day" by Martina McBride and third place winner Kaylin

Brown of Plymouth who sang "Some Kind of Wonderful" by Grand Funk Railroad.

Junior division winners were first place winner Lynnae Winnie of Taylor who sang "At Last" by Etta James; second place winner Savanna Tokarczyk of Adrian who performed "I Am A Promise" and third place winner Shannon Salisbury of Westland who sang "America the Beautiful."

First place winners receive two hours of recording time at Talent 'Live' Studios (www.talentlive.com) in Canton. Second and third place winners each receive one hour of recording time. In addition, the top three contestants in each category will be invited to perform at the Michigan State Fair Talent Show in August

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Grants will keep 4-year-old programs going

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Students attending Merriman and Halecreek elementary schools and Romulus Middle School will get one more year of technology support from the federal government.

Romulus Community School Board of Education members accepted a \$397,000 installment of the Comprehensive School Reform Grant, which is administered by the government to help schools with specific education improvement plans and

realistic goals implement changes.

The program was created at the federal level to target high-poverty or low-achieving schools for improvement. Eleven components of the program require districts to create a framework for improvement that is sustainable beyond the grant period.

In Romulus, the grant funds are used to pay for coordinators at the three schools, and after-school tutors for students who need attention beyond that provided in a traditional classroom.

The grant also pays for technology training and supplies for

teachers, said Dick Kruse, a spokesman for the district. This is the fourth year the schools have received funds from the grant.

"It takes money to have on-site coordinators at each school," he said.

At each school, on-site tutors work one-on-one with students to address the areas where they need assistance on a regular basis, which directly affects a student's ability to stay engaged in the classroom.

Another way the money is being used is for advanced training for teachers. By the

time the program ends next school year, all kindergarten through eighth grade teachers will have received extensive training they can then take back to the classroom to assist children, said Superintendent of Instruction Tom Dolan.

State officials decide which district receives the grant money and how much those grants will be. The federal government provides a set amount to the states, which then dispenses the funds.

Comprehensive School Reform programs are generally long-term projects. In Romulus,

the first grant was awarded five years ago and has been used to fund the same programs. Next year will be the last year Romulus can receive the grant.

In 2006, about \$1.4 million was appropriated to continue the program nationwide, according to U.S. the Department of Education. No new awards are expected.

By the time the grant period ends, Romulus Community Schools will have received \$1.8 million, according to district estimates.

The district will receive the money sometime before July 31.

News in brief

YWCA hosts yard sale

One man's trash is another's treasure, as the old saying goes. The YWCA Western Wayne County will host a yard sale from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Friday, July 21 and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, July 22.

Items for sale include – office supplies, office furniture, children's toys and countless other rare items. All proceeds from the sale will benefit the families served by the YWCA.

The YWCA is looking for volunteers from the community to help organize items to be sold, and help work the day of the sale.

The sale will be at the YWCA administrative offices at 26279 Michigan Ave. For more information, contact the YWCA Western Wayne County at (313) 561-4110 extension 18.

Golf outing draws near

The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce biggest fundraiser will tee off on Thursday, Aug. 24.

Organizers of the group's annual golf outing are still looking for avid players to join prominent business, civic and elected leaders at the Woodlands of Van Buren Golf Course. All proceeds from the event will benefit chamber activities.

The event begins at 10 a.m. with a continental breakfast followed by a shotgun start at 11 a.m. The evening will wind down at 4 p.m. with a banquet dinner.

Registrants who sign up to golf by July 24 will be entered in to a raffle to win a free one-night stay at the Detroit Metro Airport Marriott Hotel. Auto dealer Jack Demmer will also host a hole-in-one-contest for prizes.

Single golfers can play for \$120, and foursomes are \$480. Sponsorship packages are also available for varied prices.

The Woodlands is located at 39670 Ecorse Road.

Entry forms are available on-line at www.romuluschamber.org. All forms must be sent to the chamber at 9191 Wickham Road, Romulus, 48174.

For more information, call Karen LaBelle at (734) 326-4290 or David Goodwin at (734) 287-2400.

Weiss - Enrollment, learning are high on agenda

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Weiss, who accepted the \$150,000 per year position as superintendent after a grueling interview process that included interviews with the public and visits to current employers, will work in conjunction with Joel Carr, who will stay on at the district until his official retirement in August. The seven-member Romulus Community School Board of Education voted 6-1 in May to hire him.

He wishes that vote would have been 7-0. And he said he's going to do everything he can to win the confidence of the school board member who didn't vote for him.

"It's always better if it's a 7-0 vote, but it's better than a 5-2, or a 4-3," he said. "There are times you have to take what you can get. When the end of my contract comes up, I hope I'll get 7-0."

Weiss said his management philosophy is simple: He like a collaborative work environment.

"I like experts," he said. "I'm only one head. Other people have different ideas, and that's always better for the organiza-

tion."

Weiss began his career in education 25 years ago after he earned his bachelor's of art degree in education from the University of Michigan. He later obtained a master's degree in educational administration from Oakland University.

Weiss joined Lapeer Schools as a teacher and as the supervisor and director of instruction. At Lapeer Schools, his teaching assignments were varied: he taught math, biology, physical science and physics. He also coached the tennis, volleyball and track teams.

Five years ago, he moved to the Dearborn 7 District as assistant superintendent.

When the position in Romulus became available, he jumped at the opportunity because he saw similarities between the district and Dearborn 7.

"Most of the kids that are in the district need us to try really hard, and if we don't some of them won't make it," he said. "This is not Birmingham or Bloomfield Hills, where some-

thing like 98 percent of students go on to a four-year institution paid for by their parents. Students in these communities need us, and that one of the things I like about it. It's more gratifying."

There are some issues that could be thorny, and Weiss said he plans to navigate those with the board. One of them is Schools of Choice, which allows out-of-district students to attend a different school. Romulus currently does not take part in this, and because parents have expressed anger about out-of-district students attending Romulus classes, the issue is a divisive one. At Dearborn 7, one third of the students didn't live in the district.

"I serve at the pleasure of the board, and I work for every one of them," he said. "If they want to explore this, we will do that. I'm not coming in here with some sort of mandate."

One thing Weiss did say is that the Romulus job appeared to him at the right time.

"It's the only place I applied to be a superintendent," he said.

Project - Standing water and insects bug homeowner

FROM PAGE 1

vieway), so they did that," she said. "But water collects in the ditches, and someone could fall in there and drown. It's a mess."

The city initially planned to make improvements in the area about two years ago to fix drainage problems and eliminate water main breaks. The city sold \$5 million in bonds to get the work done. A public hearing regarding the plan took place before the seven-member council approved it.

The nature of the agreement and what the city required of contractors and engineers was also an issue. A diagram included in the plan indicated that ditches that exceed 3 ½ feet deep would be covered, but residents say that hasn't happened fast enough.

Evan Pratt, a civil engineer and principal of Orchard, Hiltz and McCliment, the Livonia-based firm hired to oversee the project, said any inconve-

niences endured by residents was "unintentional."

"We're going to do everything we can to work it out," he said.

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Don't wait to come here until you're dissatisfied. We're all in the city and we're concerned.

**Councilman
Randy Gear**

Pratt also said that construction projects are difficult to live with because the improvements won't be readily apparent for some time.

Some residents questioned

why the city didn't sell enough bonds to cover all of the ditches. Pratt said his understanding was that the city did not have enough money for that. After several residents complained, the city conceded that it would find a way to pay for it.

"I don't think it will be too expensive," said Lambert. "Enough people have come here tonight, and they can't all be wrong."

Councilman Randy Gear said he would like to meet with residents again to keep up with the progress of the project.

"Don't wait to come here until you're dissatisfied," he said. "We're all in the city and we're concerned."

A possible source of funding for the ditch coverage could be the city water and sewage fund, Lambert said.

Until the issues can be addressed residents are trying to live with construction.

"I don't care if the project takes years, said Butler, "but we need those ditches covered."

Budget - Little remains in 2007

FROM PAGE 1

increase by at least 5 percent, and liability coverage for the district increased by 5 percent, according to district figures.

The budget – as it was approved – leaves the district with only a \$2,000 fund balance at the end of the fiscal year. Papazoglou said during the meeting that careful and constant oversight of the district expenditures was required to make sure the district does not slide into a deficit.

Expenditures within the budget predict a familiar pattern for the schools – about 84 percent of district funds are spent on salaries, benefits, taxes and retirement. Utilities account for 5 percent, supplies account for another 3 percent, and services account for 4.76 percent.

The \$175 per-pupil increase was absorbed by operational costs and negotiated salaries and benefits, which left the district with little to use in the classroom. Still, learning programs for students remained intact. Teacher mentoring and nursing services were slashed from the budget earlier this month.

The budget does assume enrollment levels will increase for the next year, but if that doesn't happen, more cuts could be necessary, Kruse said. Also, other factors that could induce more budget cuts in the middle of the school year are the possibility of state per-pupil funding cuts, further enrollment decreases and escalating gas prices.

Currently, the Romulus Community School District educates about 4,300 students.

OPINION

Substance over style

If there's any race this year that will inspire cynicism in the political process, it must be the one for Wayne County Commission in the 11th District.

Here candidates are coming out of the woodwork to see who will replace John Sullivan, who opted to seek a judgeship rather than serve the communities of Wayne, Canton Township, Belleville, Van Buren Township and Sumpter Township.

Here we have two politicians with long resumes in Gerald Law and Loren Bennett—both Republicans. We have Kevin McNamara, a Democrat, counting on his name recognition and the legacy of his father, the former Wayne County Executive. And we have Toni Clark, a former supervisor of Sumpter Township, admittedly the underdog in a race otherwise filled with a lot of 'star power.'

Star power, however, does not equate to effectiveness on the job.

In fact, voters have a woeful choice to make in this election. We had a difficult time, ourselves, selecting the candidate we think would best serve the residents of the district.

How do you endorse someone for a part-time job that pays about \$70,000 a year, knowing you will hardly ever see or hear from them again?

That simple question helped point us in the right direction, and it's something that voters should consider when they cast their ballots in the Aug. 8 primary.

Republicans in the district would be better off voting for Law over Bennett. Again, this isn't an easy choice. Neither had sparkling resumes when they served as Plymouth Township supervisor or in the House of Representatives—in Law's case—or in the State Senate, a career that led to Bennett being named the Lt. Governor candidate during Dick Posthumous' ill-fated run for the top office in the state.

So why do we like Law better than Bennett? It's his commitment to take on the job as a full-time basis. Bennett, when asked, said the job was 'absolutely a part-time' one; he doesn't intend to give up his day job. We think that translates to reduced representation for residents. Furthermore, he also said he wouldn't try to change the status of the commission, where everyone serving on the board admits it's a part-time job with full-time pay. He said he's only interested in the fights he can win. We like the concept of someone who will fight hard, no matter how difficult the battle is.

We're not entirely sure that Law is that person, but we think he's taking the right approach to it. The salary paid to county commissioners is more than adequate, even as a primary source of income. Why not take on the job that way? It's not a question of trying to micro-manage county operations. There are always things to do outside the county seat—in the district, where most communities rarely see their commissioners. How about playing a more active role out there?

Law also had plenty of good ideas that he wants to tackle if he's elected to the commission. We asked for three, he gave us 20. That should give him plenty to do between commission meetings, subcommittee hearings and the like. He's looking for a full-time job and we think he deserves the spot more than Bennett.

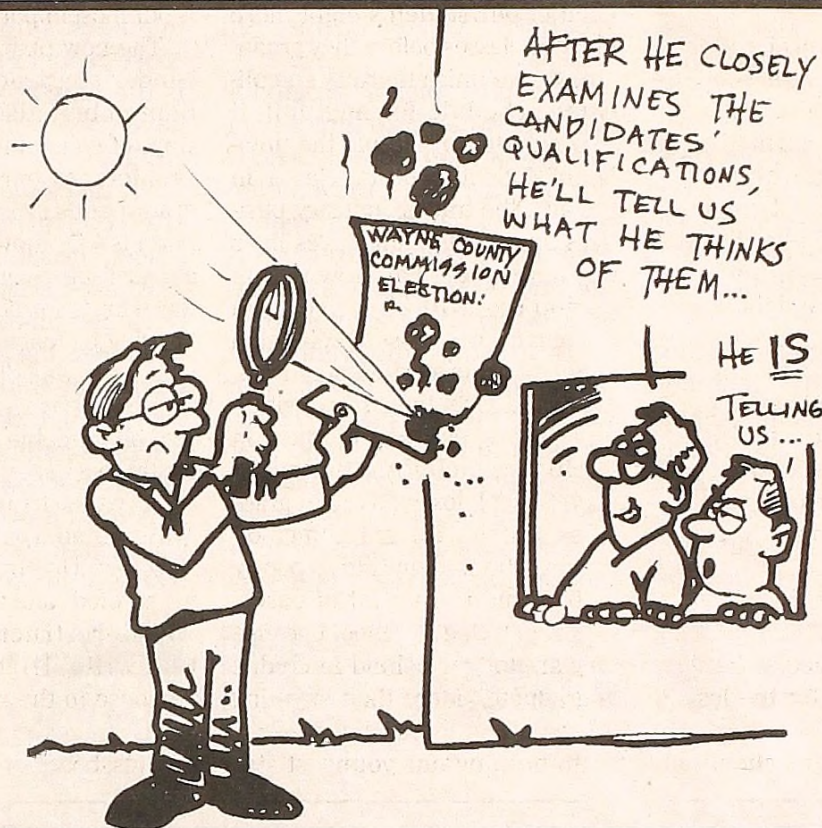
Democrats in the district have an easier choice between Clark and McNamara.

McNamara talks a good game. He was brought up on county issues. How will that translate to his role as the county commission? We're not entirely sure, nor confident. These type of legacy issues can go either way and we have a hard time thinking that someone will work as hard at a job if they think it's essentially handed to them.

Clark, on the other hand, is a bit of an enigma. She's admittedly soft on the issues, but that translated to an unwillingness to make promises that she's not sure she can keep.

There's plenty to like about her, too. She's pursued education at

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At last, some really good news

Good news was spreading about the City of Wayne even before I stumbled down from bed on Saturday morning.

One of the local television channels was on hand at the city parking deck, where throngs of people milled about several dozen tables packed with hand-made jewelry, crafts and knick knacks.

The first city garage sale was evidently quite a success.

Normally I have a bit of a churlish response to many of the things the TV people highlight: It must be a slow news day.

I'm hardly one to point that out, though, given the number of times when I've done essentially the same thing.

Saturday morning, I had a different thought, though; two of them actually.

"Hey, that's cool," and "Way to go, Gayle."

Gayle Rediske, the executive director of the Wayne Chamber of Commerce, was the mastermind behind the idea. When vendors didn't sign on earlier in the year, she pushed the event back, made more phone calls and, by the time the garage sale opened up on Saturday, about 160 tables had been sold.

That's not bad for a first time event. Not at all.

Before I go much further, I should point out that

she is a friend of mine, and it's easy to say nice things about her.

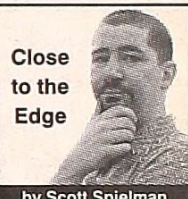
That shouldn't cast a cloud, though, and everything she's done for the Wayne chamber since she took over about a year or so ago. The chamber is vibrant in a way that I've never seen it in my time in the city, as an editor or a resident. She's coming up with new ideas, bringing in new events, bolstering the membership and generally turning the organization into something to be proud of.

So was this event.

The garage sale took up three floors on the parking structure, and the tables were not sparsely placed, either. I was impressed by the amount of participation, the variety of things and the number of people walking around, browsing through the items or carrying away bags filled with stuff. I even bought some things, and I'm not much of a garage sale-r. (I think I learned that I can only say 'We're just here to look' to my boy 1,026 times. He's got me on the 1,027th).

The best part, at least for me, was that it promoted something talked about in the Andrews University study from last year: a walkable city. My

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Are we there yet? Is it over?

I hate to revert back to an 8-year-old child asking over and over again 'Are we there yet,' 'Are we there yet,' but that's what the police dispatch topic has forced me to do.

So, are we there, yet?

I think, at least I've been told, it is over now, so I say it's time to deal with the facts: the Belleville and Sumpter Township Central Dispatch Network ties are broken, Belleville is with Van Buren Township for police dispatch and Sumpter Township has a dispatch center of their own.

I know this is a tough, sensitive subject for some, but it's time to move on. However, it's too bad this situation took the road it did.

Equipment matters are the first on my list.

Officials have said that, just like in any divorce, there needs to be a fair and equitable separation. In the case of the dispatch equipment, if this is considered a divorce then file and sign the papers already.

Sure, you can't fault both sides for wanting what's fair, but what took them so long to finally get to that point? Why can't both sides receive a fair deal and the equipment they need?

Belleville officials said they didn't need the equipment, but were entitled to receive some items of value in the division of assets. However, the city intentionally did not propose keeping any dispatch equipment, which was essential to Sumpter estab-

lishing a dispatch center of its own.

OK, that I understand.

Sumpter officials said they, too, wanted a fair and equitable division-along with the fingerprint machine.

OK, that I understand, too.

The conclusion, I was told, is: there was a 50/50 fair split of equipment, matters have been settled and all the dispatch employees have gone to Sumpter. Also, the only equipment Belleville received in the separation was: the radio tower, the generator, the fingerprint machine, a part of the central dispatch phone system and one set of video arraignment equipment.

I still wonder: will this police dispatch split truly be what's best for the community?

Many residents feel this dispatch disappearance shouldn't have occurred, another solution should have been found and fear this change could eventually lead to the Belleville Police Department disappearing altogether.

I certainly don't have those answers, but let's hope there isn't a hidden political agenda. I'd like to think the true meaning behind the new police dispatch system is what it's supposed to be about: protecting and serving the people.



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LETTERS

Education plan explained

To the editor:

In a few days I will end 10 years of employment with the Van Buren Public Schools. Although my wife and I are thrilled to be moving back to our childhood hometown with our two young sons, I am leaving Belleville High School reluctantly. As a teacher, assistant principal and the principal of Belleville High, I have been blessed to work alongside a hard working staff of dedicated teachers and truly wonderful kids. I have been very lucky to work here and I appreciate the opportunities I have been given more than I can say.

I am also sad that I will not see the benefits of the “restructuring plan” we have worked so hard on at the high school for the last 10 months. To better meet the needs of our students, the school will

offer seven classes each day next year instead of six. This will give each of our students eight more elective classes before they graduate. As we finish the very complicated schedule for next fall, it is wonderful to see that the number of students choosing classes in the arts, the trades, industry, business and foreign languages have all increased. The new seven-period day will also give each freshman a new class to help them focus on their studies, stay organized and meet their responsibilities. Nearly every high school in Michigan, including Belleville High School, loses potential graduates in 10th, 11th and 12th grade because the students did so poorly as freshmen. In a lot of cases, kids stop trying in school because they are too far behind in credits to graduate. More than anything else, our new approach is dedicated to helping our youngest stu-

dents avoid this problem so they can graduate and compete. This is our most important goal.

The new plan, which has been “under construction” since last September, also includes new ways of communicating academic problems to parents. If a ninth grade student is failing, his/her parents will know about it quickly and will be given a specific plan for fixing the problem. Lunchtime tutoring by teachers will be available every day. Twice each week, evening tutoring by teachers will also be available to every student. Lastly, teachers will be given time each week to meet with each other to compare student test results and to improve their teaching methods and approaches.

The restructuring plan for Belleville High School is a response to the needs of our students as communicated to us by parents, board of education mem-

bers, teachers and students. It is an ambitious plan but our students deserve nothing less.

With a new principal on the way and the new plan waiting to go into effect, some people are understandably nervous about the future. That’s just evidence of people’s concern for this great school and for the students who go here. Knowing that the new leader will have the support of the staff and community, I am certain that all of the hard work that has gone into planning for next fall will payoff for our students. Just as MEAP and Ed Yes scores have improved due to other reform efforts over the last three years, this newest change will be successful for the same reason - the hard work of our teachers, parents and students.

Kevin Kelly
Principal
Belleville High School

Contenders

FROM PAGE 4

every level of her public service in order to do a better job. She has a proven track record of that as a deputy clerk, assessor and supervisor in Sumpter Township and we see no reason why she would stop. She admits she’s not a member of the ‘good old boys’ club but, quite frankly, we’re tired of the good old boys network. They’ve had their time; they’ve said their piece. It’s time to let some fresh voices

into politics. Wasn’t that the point of term limits at the state level, anyway?

Out of all the candidates, we think Clark will probably work the hardest: first to educate herself on her role and responsibilities and the issues, and then use her position to solve the problems in her district.

There are a lot of issues to tackle in Wayne County. We think voters should separate the workers from the pretenders in the Aug. 8 primary. Those that want to do that should vote for **Gerald Law** or **Toni Clark**.

News

FROM PAGE 4

wife, son and I walked from our home, about a mile away. It was a beautiful day.

At a time when the daily papers of the television folks are picking up on my stories about the negative things in the city—the budget problems that hurt the police department—it’s nice to see something like this get some airplay.

Hopefully, we’ll get some more, too. There are a lot of good things going on in our city, despite our financial troubles.

Police Log

Murder suspect awaits appeals court decision

Van Buren Township resident Douglass Hall was released from jail recently where he had been held on charges of premeditated murder in the first-degree for the Jan. 13 killing of 29-year-old Jamie Scott Colby of Ypsilanti Township.

According to Det. Louis Keele of the Van Buren Township Police Department, Hall, 23, was released because there wasn’t enough evidence to substantially charge the defendant with a murder one charge. The prosecutor’s office has appealed the decision, according to Keele.

The other two defendants in the case— Derek Larabee, 23 and Kristopher Bayones, 22—are facing charges of premeditated murder in the first-degree.

A trail date is set for Nov. 13 at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit for all three defendants.

Police number changed

The new numbers for police dispatch are (734) 461-6898 and (734) 461-6899.

CITY OF ROMULUS
NOTICE OF
Final Statement
For the FY 2006/2007
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

Pursuant to federal guidelines, the Romulus City Council voted on Monday, January 9, 2006 to adopt the following final projects for the fiscal year **2006/2007 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) Program**. The CITY OF ROMULUS expects to receive an estimated \$236,000, plus an additional \$50,000 for Housing Rehabilitation.

The primary objectives of the Federal HUD CDBG program are to assist low to moderate income families directly or to provide benefits in areas where 51% of the residents are low to moderate income, such as replacing the urban infrastructure of streets, improve recreational facilities and programs and assist in meeting special needs of the elderly and physically disabled.

The following projects have been adopted and will meet HUD objectives by benefiting low and moderate income families, preserving deteriorating housing stock and enhancing parks and public facilities.

2006/2007 Final Projects

ACTIVITY/Location:	Estimated CDBG ALLOCATION:	*From Program Income
Senior Services - Citywide		
36525 Bibbins		
Chore/minor home repair services, Transportation, education, Recreation & staffing	\$30,000	T \$30,000
Senior Center - Partial Bond Payment	\$236,000	\$4,400
36525 Bibbins, Romulus, MI 48174		T\$240,400
Year three of a ten year pre-commitment of the City of Romulus CDBG allocation to pay for the \$3.4 mil bonded construction. CDBG funds were pre-committed until 2013 (with an estimated reduced allocation of 5% annually)		
Administration (10%)	\$23,600	T\$ 23,600
TOTAL Allocation:	\$236,000.00	\$58,000
Housing Rehabilitation	50,000.00	
	\$286,000.00	

IN ADDITION, the city anticipates receiving approximately \$70,000 through repayment of liens/ revolving funds (program income), to be used for two of the above programs and emergency housing rehabilitations. The City of Romulus will also apply for an additional \$50,000 to continue the housing rehabilitation program, as indicated above.

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NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION
FOR PRIMARY ELECTION - TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2006

To the Qualified Electors of CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN—WAYNE COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that Monday, July 10, 2006 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above stated election.

If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address in the above stated jurisdiction in which you live, you may do so at the following locations and times listed in this notice.

Qualified electors may also register to vote or change their address in the following manners:

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Qualifications for Registration

1. Applicant is at least 18 years of age.
2. Resident of Van Buren Township for at least 30 days.
3. Citizen of the United States.

Note:

A Person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the city/township where they live or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

Applications for Absentee Voter Ballots are available at the Clerk’s Office. The deadline for filing an application to receive an Absentee Ballot for the August 8, 2006 Primary Election is Saturday, August 5, 2006, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Clerk’s office.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

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Legislation may impose controls on contractors

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Michigan residents who hire a contractor to do some work around the house may soon have some added protection.

The Michigan Senate this week unanimously approved Senate Bill 826 sponsored by State Sen. Raymond Basham (D-Taylor) that aims to protect consumers from building contractors who do shoddy work and charge excessive fees.

"As families use the warmer weather to build new homes or begin home improvement projects, we must make sure that they aren't taken advantage of by contractors who don't do quality work," said Basham.

Senate Bill 826 would require courts to make information available to consumers when violations by contractors occur. It would also grant additional powers to law enforcement, increase fines and penalties, require restitution be paid to homeowners, and strengthen the licensing requirements.

It also provides monetary incentives to local prosecuting

attorneys and state attorneys, Basham said.

Currently, individuals operating without a contracting license suffer few consequences if caught. Under the bill, doing so would be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of no less than \$5,000 but no more than \$25,000.

If caught three times, a person could pay the fines and face four years in jail. This would open the doors for prosecutors to bring legal action against the unlicensed contractor, according to the bill.

Assets would be eligible for seizure after a court case has concluded, Basham said.

The legislation also cracks down on an unlicensed contractor's ability to place a lien on a house in a dispute with a homeowner, which is currently legal. Also, owners of firms would be prohibited from transferring their license to another person.

A television news report about bad contractors spurred the state into action 18 months ago, Basham said. A bipartisan Bad Contractors Work Group worked to iron out the details of the bill.

The group included representatives from the Michigan Association of Home Builders, the Builders Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan, the State Attorney General's Office, the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan, and the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth (DLEG).

Some of the building scams that homeowners are falling victim to include being billed for work that has not been performed or paying for unnecessary work. Some contractors accept full or partial payments and then stop work altogether, Basham said.

"You just wouldn't believe the number of dishonest things that are happening out there," he said.

Lee Schwartz, executive vice president of government relations for the Michigan Association of Home Builders, said these practices hurt the building trades.

"Most home builders do honest work at a fair price, but those who don't play by the rules need to be held accountable," he said.

"This legislation will help ensure we don't leave these vulnerable consumers out to dry while a few unlicensed or predatory contractors take home big cash for little work," he added.

Complaints against builders and contractors have been on the rise. Statistics from DLEG indicate that 2,143 complaints were filed in 2005, versus 1,869 in 2004.

Those complaints were filed from all corners of the state, indicating that the problem happens in all communities, Basham said.

"This was a bipartisan effort, and we expect the (state) house to take quick action," he said. "We also have no reason to expect the governor (Jennifer Granholm) won't sign it."

The legislation is part of a package that also includes Senate Bills 631, 632, 827 and 1273.

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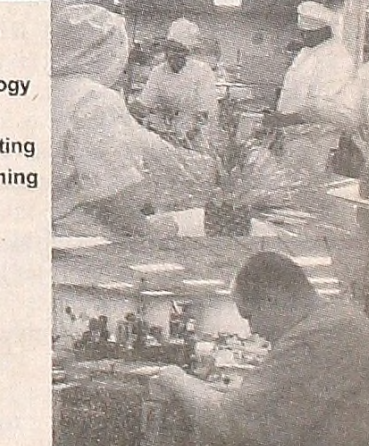
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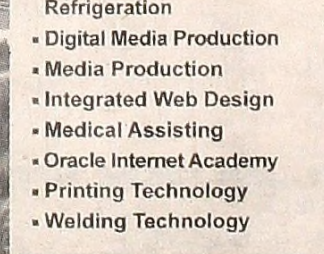
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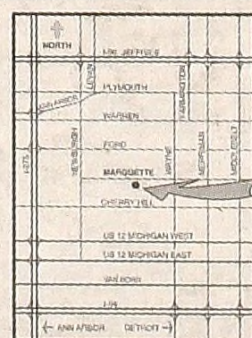







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THE SCENE

Click

Film may be better than audience expects

It's hard to make a good comedy these days, particularly an original one.

Take a look at *Nacho Libre* (last week) for example and you'll understand completely.

Adam Sandler's newest vehicle *Click* is (surprisingly) funny, or at least funnier than Jack Black's latest failure, but lacks the originality. *Click* is part Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*—or the parody, *Scrooged*—but most reminiscent of Frank Capra's *It's a Wonderful Life*.

Sandler and director Frank Coraci, who also directed Sandler in *The Waterboy* and *The Wedding Singer*, do a good job luring in a new audience base with a sensitive heartfelt drama and satisfying die-hard Sandler fans with some of the their same-old crass tricks.

It must be noted, for the record, that Sandler is no Jimmy Stewart and Coraci is no Capra. Somehow, though, *Click* works making for a pleasant retreat from the summer heat.

Trust me; I didn't anticipate much from the film. However, not too far into it, I found myself settling for the tactless humor in the beginning and later sympathizing with the main character at the end.

The premise of the movie revolves around Michael Newman (Sandler), a hard working architect who spends more time at the drawing board than with his beautiful wife Donna (Kate Beckinsale) and his two kids, Ben and Samantha. He works late, calls off vacations and works holidays to appease his goofy and male-chauvinistic boss Ammer (David Hasselhoff). Seeing Hasselhoff make fun of himself is almost worth the price of admission itself.

Once Michael discovers he can't, among the umpteen different controllers on the coffee table, even work his own television, his innocent children suggest they get a universal remote like their neighbors—the infamous O'Doyle's.

This sends Michael on quest for an all-controlling device. Thanks to *Click*, audiences now understand what the 'Beyond' means in the Bed, Bath and Beyond store name—the only store open at the time.

In the back of the store he finds a door marked 'Way Beyond.' Behind it awaits Morty (Christopher Walken), a mad scientist of sorts, who gives Michael the latest—and best—universal remote one could ask for: There's one catch: no return policy.

From this point on the film takes the usual Sandler humor as he learns he can control not only the TV, stereo and fan with his new-found gadget but he can also control everything in his life. The dog, which has a fondness for an oversized stuffed chicken; Donna's friend, and the bully

next door all fall victim to the powers of the clicker. There are some humorous gags involving the mute and volume control and pause commands and there's even a menu feature of Michael's life that is narrated by James Earl Jones.

The story, however, takes a serious turn when Michael uses the fast-forward button in an attempt to get ahead of the game at work in pursuit of a partnership with Ammer—a promotion that he hopes would mean more money and a chance to spend more time with his family.

If it were only that easy. Sure he gets everything he wants, but he loses much more.

He soon realizes that the remote is more troublesome than helpful as his life just passes him by.

The moral of the story is: we can't live life in fast forward because we will miss too much—sometimes it's good to just pause and enjoy what you already have.

I think what we see here is more than a comedy or drama. We see a boy become a man with this film. Sandler sheds his usual angry man-boy mantra (*Happy Gilmore*, *Waterboy* and just about every other movie he's ever made) and trades it in for a role that may actually have some substance.

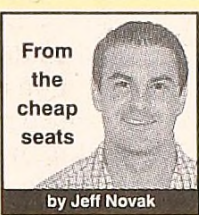
Unfortunately, a lot of people will probably miss that point and the moral completely and just talk about how the fart joke and the disturbing birth scene (neither were remote-ly funny) were the only things reminiscent of the old Adam Sandler—because that's America. We tend to miss so much in the attempt to escape from reality or, when in reality, the pursuit of happiness.

Click won't be considered the best film, or even the best comedy, of summer but there is more to it than one is led to believe.



Reviewed By
Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Where did we go wrong?



Ahhhh...

Last week marked the official start of summer, which means it's time to hook up the hammock, fire up the blender for those tasty and refreshing seasonal drinks and...possibly take in a summer blockbuster at the local multiplex?

That's what Hollywood hopes.

When I was younger, summer used to mean that I would spend more time in the theater filling my arteries with that buttery substitute better suited for lubing rain axels and the neighbor's Slip-'N'-Slide than in pools and riding bikes. I know, that probably explains a lot about me to those who actually read my movie reviews.

It wasn't because I had no life...like now. Nope, back then my lack of taking part in the social activities with other neighborhood kids was due to the fact there were too many movies to see and so little time to see them.

So what happened?

Here it is, late June (28th to be exact) and there has yet to be a movie that has really lit a fire under my (fill in the blank) to get out and see. Actually, with all of the chemical butter substitute running through my system, it might not be a good idea to light a fire to anything around me.

These days it seems like only a handful of movies are worth the time and money.

There was the kind-of funny yet strangely dark comedy *The Break-Up* (June 2), the all-too familiar *The Omen* strategically released on June 6 (6-6-06) and then the kid-friendly but not necessarily at the top of my list *Cars* (June 9). After that was a huge weekend with *The Fast and the Furious 3: Tokyo Drift*. Who knew there was ever a part two? That same weekend released a flatulent *Nacho Libre* that sputtered like an empty movie butter dispenser and this weekend's top offer was *Click* (see review).

Can even the man of steel save the summer? Let's hope. *Superman Returns* flew into theaters yesterday.

July will offer up *The Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest* (9) and *Miami Vice* (28). After that there's not much to look forward to. There is Will Ferrell's vehicle *Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby* (Aug. 9) that looks a carbon copy of his *Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy*.

According to Entertainment Weekly Hollywood studios no longer release potential international blockbusters in June because of the World Cup soccer tournament that attracts upward of 32 billion viewers globally.

The point of this whole rant, actually, is: Where is the real entertainment?

My friends, the real entertainment—the stuff worth watching and writing about—is all around you.

When we here at *The Journal Newspapers* first conceived the idea of 'The Scene' it was not only to bring readers the cheap entertainment of clever movie reviews but also to highlight local bands and venues, artists, writers and entertainers.

So, when did we stray and where did we go wrong? Who knows?

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It's all in your hands, be they covered in butter or not.



THE SCENE

Prairie Home Companion

Film drags along although message is clear

The makers of *A Prairie Home Companion* probably knew their film wouldn't do well among younger viewers.

They probably also didn't care. Garrison Keillor has been doing his own thing on radio for years—that is to say, continuing to do what used to be everyone's thing after everyone lost interest.

There will be several admirers of the film, though. Some of them shared a theater with me, who was mostly bored, sometimes laughing and thoroughly frustrated with the movie. It's obvious that Keillor has a face for radio, but it took *A Prairie Home Companion* to assure audiences once and for all that his show belongs there, too.

The film is about what happens during the final broadcast of a radio variety show with which the movie shares its title. Though, in real life, Keillor's show has yet to have a final airing, the film imagines a scenario where larger interests have descended upon the Fitzgerald Theater in St. Paul, Minnesota, where the show is performed (and where the movie was largely filmed). The

performers, including an aging sister singing act (Meryl Streep and Lily Tomlin) and a crass duo of singing cowboys (John C. Reilly and Woody Harrelson) have all heard the rumors that they have arrived to play "Prairie" for the last time, including Keillor who shrugs off the momentous occasion ("Every show is your last show") as no big deal.

No tiny deal, even. It's difficult to get past Keillor's performance in this movie. We want to focus on him, but his gaze seems to fall to the ground or past the actor he shares a scene with. He's in his own world; he's not quite with us. Tommy Lee Jones, playing "The Axeman," is on to something when he notes—speaking from a luxury box overlooking the stage—that watching the show through the glass was like visiting the zoo.

What's frustrating about *Prairie* isn't its willingness to be so odd, but its reveling in it. Maybe that's director Robert Altman's fault. His slow, always moving camera lets the scenes play out far longer than they should, giving the whole business

a subtle but disconcerting air of pretension. Who knew a movie by and about Midwesterners would come across with such arrogance?

Take the character of the *Dangerous Woman*, played by Virginia Madsen, who walks around the theater in a smiling trance. She is truly, we find, out of this world. She's also out of place, even here.

There are some high points, though. The movie is about confronting mortality and the degrading perception that you're no longer wanted. It seems nobody cares about the show apart from those in the theater. (We never see a listener at home, in his rocking chair, slapping his knee at Keillor's schtick.)

Despite cancellation, there are no grandiose sendoffs. When a character dies backstage, Keillor is asked to do a eulogy. He refuses. When asked if he wouldn't want people to remember him after he dies, he says flatly, "I don't want them to be told to remember me." The courage-in-the-face-of-doom theme comes across smartly at times, though the actors labor too much (and Keillor, so lit-

Reviewed By
Kevin Hill
Staff Writer



tle) to prove it.

The musical performances from the stage, intercut with backstage happenings, are excellent. Streep and Tomlin sound good together as the Johnson sisters, even if their scenes offstage contain lengthy, depressed ramblings about family that should be reserved for the Thanksgiving dinner table. The cowboys, called Dusty and Lefty, boost the film whenever they appear, which isn't often enough.

Their final song, a collection of tasteless though hilarious jokes, prompted belly laughter from the theater audience—the only consensus after 90 minutes of sparse chuckling. It was, thankfully, a gift to the PG-13 crowd, and the only injection of fresh humor into this otherwise stale offering.



NOTICE CITY OF ROMULUS NOTICE OF LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR THE GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION AUGUST 8, 2006

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a General Primary Election will be held in this County, Tuesday, August 3, 2006 and that I, the undersigned City Clerk for the City of Romulus, will, upon any day except Sunday or a legal holiday, receive application for registration from any elector entitled to register in said City, not already registered, who may apply for said registration

Registrations will be taken at the Office of the City Clerk, Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. until Tuesday, July 10, 2006.

THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR THE AUGUST PRIMARY WILL BE:

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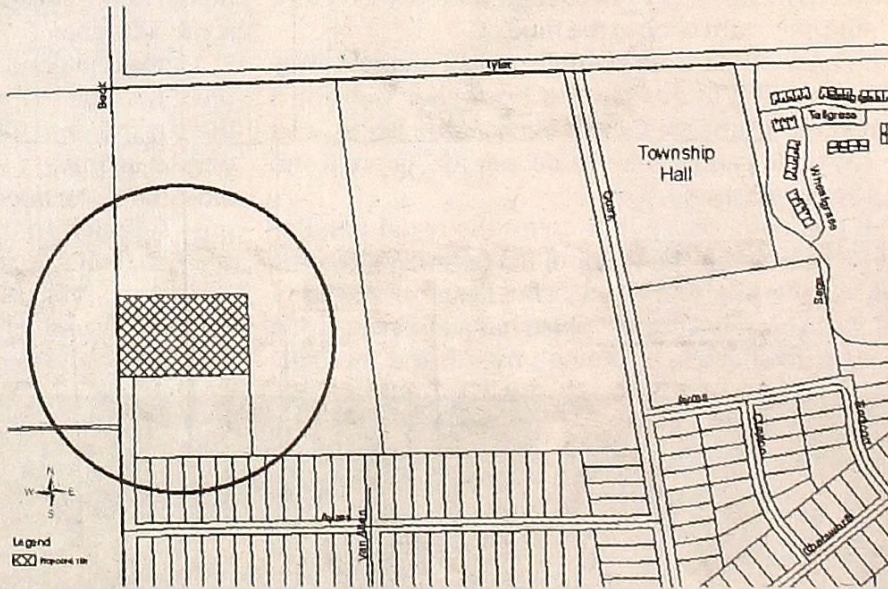
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, July 18, 2006 at 7:30 p.m., in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan

The Public Hearing relates to the following described property:

This is a portion of parcel with the tax ID number V125-83-062-99-0003-700. This property is located on the east side of Beck Road between Tyler and Ayres Roads. A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below.



The applicant is requesting special use approval. A special use approval is required for outside storage of contracting equipment and supplies per Section 15.03 (d) of the Zoning Ordinance. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00p.m., the hearing date.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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FOOD

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Right from the start, it was obvious that these guys knew what they were doing.

And how.

Judges at the second round of the Rustic Chef competition at Maybury Farm spent 45 minutes trying to determine who deserved the trophy and finally decided to call it a tie.

Chef Will Armstead, assisted by Bonfire Bistro & Brewery General Manager Sandy Yee and Robert Costanza and Chef Gordon Martin from Station 885 in Plymouth received a cooler of mystery ingredients at 10 a.m. When they opened the sealed containers, prepared by Chef Frank Agostini from E.G. Nick's in Plymouth, they found a large piece of pork, potatoes, spinach, scallions, bleu cheese, almonds, oranges and some assorted peppers.

They had an hour to plan a meal to awe the judges, an hour to shop with a \$50 gift certificate from Meijer in Northville and an hour to prepare their meal using

no electricity, no machines and a bag of charcoal on a somewhat dilapidated portable grill.

The results were more than anyone expected.

Armstead prepared a grilled stuffed pork entrée with an orange and apple chutney. He meticulously sewed his cheese and spinach stuffing into the pork using threads he made of scallions.

He also grilled asparagus with lemon, garlic and butter, then sliced each strip into ribbons that enhanced the flavors perfectly.

Nobody who witnessed his expertise with the knife was unimpressed with his skill and the added dimension to the flavor of the fork-tender smoky grilled pork.

Costanza and Martin stuffed their pork entrée too, after pounding it into mouth-watering tenderness. They used some of the apple and oranges in a reduction sauce to enhance the flavor of their completed entrée, which

they wrapped in applewood bacon prior to grilling to perfection.

They stuffed their peppers with the potatoes seasoned with basil and oregano and chorizo sausage and then grilled them. They grilled an apple stuffed with a prepared mix, a little more applewood bacon and the leftover of the blue cheese.

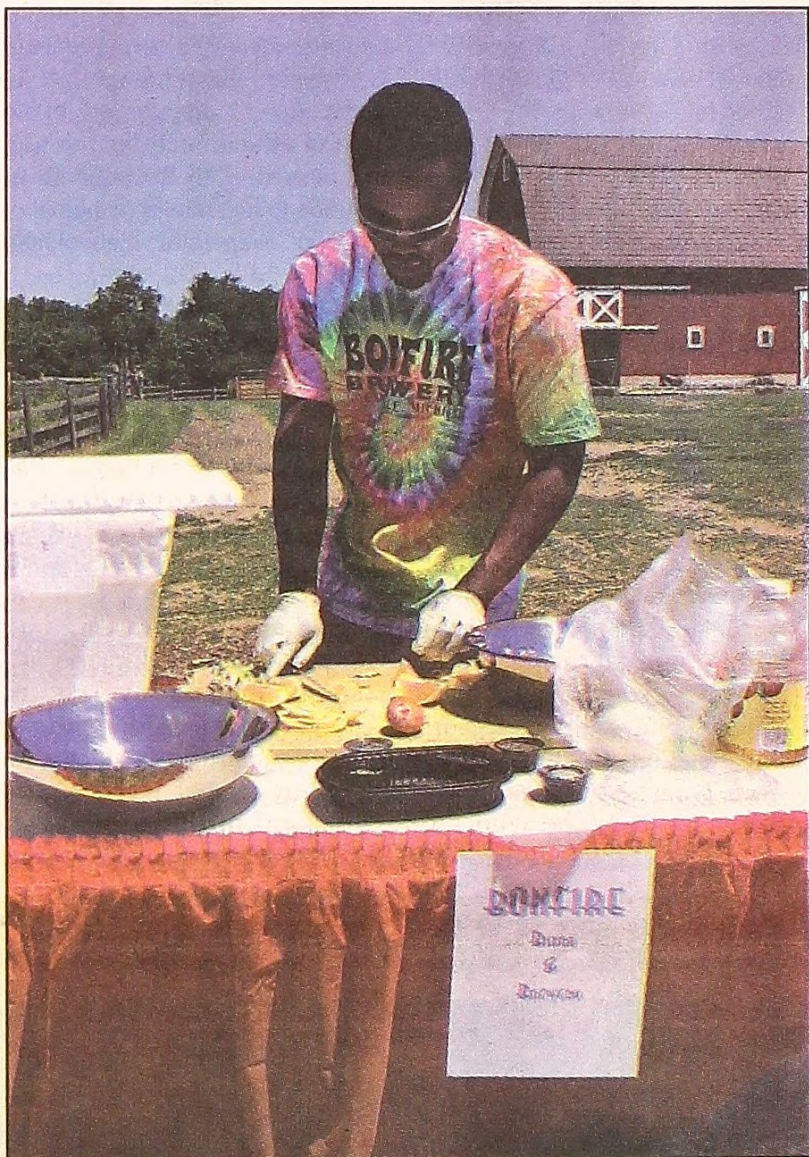
The judges swooned with appreciation.

Judges included Mary Poole of Poole's Tavern in Northville, Maureen Peters of Canton and Susan Willett, who scored the chefs on seasoning, texture of the food, the use of the mystery ingredient (oranges) creativity, color and presentation.

The first Rustic Chef competition was for amateurs and on July 22, an amateur and a professional chef will team up to vie for a spot in the final cook off.

The event is open to the public and the \$4 admission fee includes a tour of the working farm.

Rustic Chefs grill up a tie score at Maybury event



Chef Will Armstead from Bonfire & Bistro Brewery meticulously prepared his entry in the second round of the Rustic Chef competition at Maybury Farm last Saturday.



Will Armstead and Sandy Yee said the trophy will hang in the Bonfire & Bistro Brewery.



Robert Costanza and Gordon Martin display their hard-won iron skillet trophy.



The cooks, judges and Shari Peters, executive director of the Northville Community Foundation, center, all admired the sought-after iron skillet trophies awarded the winners.



Chef Gordon Martin and Robert Costanza of Station 885 in Plymouth pounded their entrée into mouth-watering tenderness before carefully wrapping it in bacon for the grill.

Former area educator named to new position

Scott Spielman
Editor

The Northville Public School board didn't have to look too far to find a replacement for Bob Sornson.

Lynne Mossoian, who will secede the now-retired director of special services for the district, may have most recently served as principal of Romulus Elementary School, but she resides in Northville with her husband, Todd, and their son, Spencer, who will be a senior at Northville High School this fall.

Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski said Mossoian has quite an impressive resume.

"(Her) experience as an educa-

tor spans the continuum," he said. "She has worked in special education and regular education settings. She has been a teacher, a resource to other educators, as a consultant and a principal.

"We're fortunate to have her leading our special education programs," he added. "Her experience and insight will enable us to build on these already strong programs."

Mossoian earned a bachelor's and master's degree in special education from Eastern Michigan University. She's completed 30 hours of post-graduate work in the area of educational leadership, too, according to Rezmierski. In addition to her role as principal of Romulus Elementary School, she

served for 10 years with the Beacon Day Treatment Center program, when it was apart of that district. She served as a reading teacher, a teacher consultant, assistant director and finally director of that program. She's been an elementary school principal for the past 15 years.

As director of special services for Northville, she'll oversee the two district special education center programs financed by the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Area (RESA), housed at Cooke School and Old Village School, respectively.

She said she was looking forward to it.

"I'm excited to be part of such an outstanding educational team,"

she said. "Northville Public Schools is well-known for its exemplary special education and regular education programs. It serves as a model for school districts across the state."

This year, the Cooke School program served 136 students from 16 districts in Wayne County. Designed for older students, it serves individuals up to 26 years old who are severely cognitively impaired, severely multiply impaired or dually diagnosed students who are mentally and emotionally impaired.

The Old Village School served 125 students this year from 14 districts across Wayne County. The students ranged from 3 to 14 years old who may have delayed cogni-



Lynne Mossoian

tive development or experience motor, communication, physical, sensory and emotional impairments.

Girlstown Foundation plans annual golf outing for July 22

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Girlstown Foundation is taking to the golf course to generate funds for the Belleville agency.

Elaine Carter, director of funds development, said the event is not only a big fundraiser for the residential child-welfare agency, but also a time to generate awareness.

"We host this each year to let people know who we are," she said.

The fifth annual "Golfing for Girls" event will take place at 8 a.m. Saturday, July 22 at the Woodlands of Van Buren Golf

Course, located at 39670 Ecorse Road in Wayne. Tickets are \$100 per golfer and will include: an 18 hole golf game and cart, lunch at the turn of the tournament, a silent auction, prizes, 50/50 raffle and a dinner buffet. For \$35, people can just enjoy dinner, too.

Carter said that Girlstown Foundation hopes to generate more than \$10,000 for toward programs and services provided by the organization.

"Funds will go to our teenage girls in the Loch Rio residential treatment, transitional treatment group home, supervised independent living and foster care for both

girls and boys," she said. "These programs benefit by providing them with the opportunity to become stable with behavior and to regenerate back into a stable family situation."

Girlstown Foundation, now in the 47th year of operation, is a multi-service organization providing family, community, mental health and child-care welfare services for families throughout Michigan.

To date, the organization has helped more than 800 people, Carter said.

"We provide them with the services they need to work through

whatever problems they came here with and help them return to their family situation or help them get ready for independent living," she said. "Without this organization, these girls would probably fall through the cracks and their behaviors could escalate into problems more serious."

The event will also feature car and ancillary hole-in-one contests, along with the longest drive, closest to the pin and other team games.

The gold corporate sponsor—Waste Management, Michigan Market Area—donated \$3,000 to fund the event, Carter said, and

other businesses have donated gift certificates and merchandise.

The fundraising will not stop with the golf outing.

Currently, Girlstown Foundation is participating in a summer charity program, as well as seeking out additional funds to initiate new programs at the organization, according to Carter.

For more information, to sponsor or donate to the Girlstown Foundation, contact Carter at 734-697-7242.

"We're inviting the community to attend, whether it's to golf, volunteer or donate items," said Carter.

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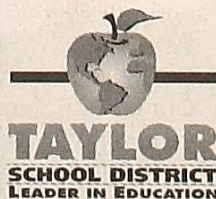
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SPORTS

Detroit Ignition grab talent in expansion draft

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

As the debut of major league indoor soccer inches closer, the hype surrounding the Detroit Ignition continues to grow.

Last weekend the team had the opportunity to add 16 potential players to its roster in the Major Indoor Soccer League (MISL) expansion draft. Ignition heads acquired the rights to 16 experienced players from the league's six current teams: Baltimore Blast, California Cougars, Milwaukee Wave, Chicago Storm, St. Louis Steamers and Philadelphia KiXX.

Detroit chose two goalkeepers and 14 field players that hail from eight different countries—United States, Canada, Brazil, Chile, Trinidad, South Africa, Montenegro and Columbia.

"We're very happy how the draft went," said Ignition President Greg Bibb. "I think the players we chose speaks volumes about the depth of talent currently in the league."

Each of the current six teams could have lost a maximum of three players in the draft from the teams' unprotected player lists.

The Ignition took advantage of the talent pool and first nabbed Baltimore Blast keeper Sanaldo. The Brazilian phenom minded net through the 2005-06 playoffs, leading the Blast to the Championship in his third season in the league.

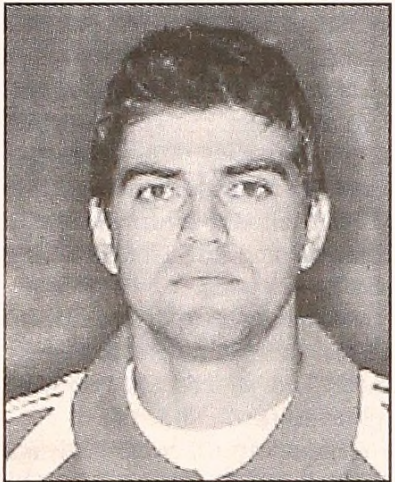
"He's just won the championship and, when I talked to him on the phone, was excited to be coming to Detroit," said Ignition Head Coach Mark Pulisic.

Offense consumed the Ignition's next three picks. The team selected veteran forward Ricardinho. The Cougar is going into his fourth year with the league. Two-year veteran Hewerton Moreira was selected number-three. He was forward with the Wave last season.

Detroit then chose four-year defender and Minnesota native Matt Johnson, who played in Chicago last season. The Ignition went St. Louis and grabbed Carlos "Chile" Farias from the

Steamers. Farias, a native of Chile, led the league in assists in the 2005-06 season and was fourth in scoring.

"(Farias) is arguably the best playmaker in the league," Bibb said. "We have a lot of guys that



Sanaldo

are good with the ball and a lot that know what to do with it when they get it."

Detroit wrapped up its first 10 choices with forward Joel Bailey (Baltimore); defender Jonathan Greenfield (Milwaukee); seven-year veteran goalkeeper Jim

Larkin (California); first-year forward Joey Gjersten (St. Louis); and 12-year forward Don D'Ambra (Philadelphia).

At number-11 Detroit picked KiXX's Ze Roberto for mid-field experience.

The Ignition added some hometown savor when they chose Detroit native mid-fielder Ryan Mack at 12 and four-year defender Droo Callahan, originally from Brighton, at 14.

"We definitely wanted to add some home flavor to the team," Pulisic said. "We thought that Ryan and Droo would make a good combination."

Mid-field/forward "Novi" Marojevic was taken 13th out of Chicago and mid-fielders Kyt Selaidopoulos (Milwaukee) and Carlos Garcia (Baltimore) rounded out the 16 players taken by Detroit.

"When preparing for the draft we targeted certain players," Pulisic said. "I think we recruited the best players available. We are confident that we can put a win-

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Ryan Mack



Droo Callahan



The Romulus Lady Eagles placed fourth in the state and several team members were selected all-conference. The team consists of: (front row from left) Yetty Emanuel, Tamila Myles, Arielle McCauley, Landria Buckley, Brittany Howard, Kayla Harris, Brittnee Shreve, (back row) Erin Bragg, Brittany Lewis, Christina Gillespie, Tityona Lowe, Briana Watts, Kanaya Williams, Erika Wasson and Coach Wade Cook. Not pictured Christienne Linton.

Eagle runners take all-conference honors

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Although the Romulus Lady Eagles didn't place as high in the state meet as Coach Wade Cook had hoped, 11 girls made the all-conference team.

"It was just one of those years," Cook said. "We only had two seniors but had a ton of talent on the team."

Seniors Landria Buckley and Brittany Howard led the host of talented athletes that made the list.

Buckley—one of the school's top hurdlers and sprinters—is headed to Howard University on scholarship where she will take her track shoes and hopes

of a law degree.

She had to sit out of state tournament due to illness. Cook said if Buckley was able to run the team may have placed higher than its fourth-place finish in the state.

"We didn't finish up as strong as we should have," he said. "With Buckley sick I had to scratch her from all of her events."

Howard, on the other hand, did compete and did very well. She's one of the top long jumpers in the state. She set a new Division 1 finals record with a jump of 18-8 1/2. She also finished fifth in the 100-meter dash. Howard signed her letter of intent to run, actually jump,

at Michigan State University in May.

Aurielle McCauley also made all-conference. She took second in the 300-meter hurdles and placed sixth and seventh, respectively, in both the 100-meter hurdles and the long jump.

The Lady Eagles also took fourth place the 800-meter relay with the team of McCauley, Howard, Christina Gillespie and Christienne Linton; and in the 1600-meter relay with Myles, Gillespie, Kanaya Williams and Linton—all were selected all-conference.

Brittany Lewis, Tityona

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Lady Tigers earn honors

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

It's summertime and high school student athletes are enjoying summer vacations and whatever else teenagers do these days.

Just because the season is over doesn't mean the handful of Belleville players that earned all-conference and all-district honors should be overlooked, especially those who have played their last games in black and orange uniforms. Those would be the seniors who are, hopefully, heading off to college in the fall to pursue other endeavors.

Senior third-baser Taylor Janus is one of them. She was the only Lady Tiger named to the all-conference team.

"Taylor did a great job defensively for us at third base," said Belleville Coach Peggy Curtis. "I knew I could always count on her."

Janus was also given an all-district nod along with fellow senior Tiffany Jablonski.

Jablonski was four-year starter, who anchored second for the team, and took on leadership roles on and off the field, according to Curtis.

"We never named a captain on the team but Tif was a leader and went past what she did on the field. She knows how I expect things to be run. I always looked to her for leadership to get things done with the team."

Other district honors went to junior outfielder Brandi Craig and freshman pitcher Samantha Cole.

Craig was the team's leadoff and top hitter.

Curtis said other coaches in the league would tell her after games that they would do whatever they could to keep Craig off base.

"She got on base a lot for us," Curtis said.

Cole, the team's lead hurler, kept the team in games even when down. Curtis is excited about having her back for three more seasons. Actually, Curtis' entire pitching core will return for another season. Joining Cole in the circle will be junior—returning as a senior—Chelsea Strickland and soon-to-be sophomore Cassandra Porzondek.

"Cole pitched a lot of games for us but you need people to back her up," Curtis said. "I feel more confident knowing that we have Strickland and Porzondek. I know we have a better chance with all of them."

Other seniors that will be missed are Shelon Hill, Vanessa Rivas and Madeline Coffman.

Hill was huge asset in the outfield and at bat.

"She's a quick lefty that can run down just about anything," Curtis said.

Rivas was the signal caller behind the plate. She would catch nearly all the games including two or three contest in a day at tournaments and then turn around and catch the next day in a league game, Curtis said.

Curtis will have two other experienced juniors coming back for another year. She will have starting shortstop Hilary

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SPORTS

Western Lakes All-Conference selections

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The votes are in for the Western Lakes Activities Association all-district and all-conference baseball and softball selections and the winners are:

Baseball

Northville led the conference with a 24-7 overall record, defeating Walled Lake Central for the conference championship. The 'Stangs went on to beat Catholic Central, 7-3, to wrap up the district championship. They escaped Monroe in the first round of regional play before falling to Ann Arbor Huron in the regional final.

They wouldn't have made it as far as they did with out the help of junior ace pitcher Bryce Jenney and senior first baseman Charlie Thomas—both all-conference selections.

Junior pitcher Brent Spencer, senior infielder Corey Patterson and senior pitcher Tim Parent made all-Western Division. Dominic Benevides, Anthony hutting, Joe Mitchell and Gerard Powell were honorable mentions.

Canton finished second in the Western Division. Coach Scott Dickey had senior pitcher Shawn Little and senior catcher Tarik Khasawneh selected to the all-conference team. Senior infielder Justin Latin was named all-Western while Kyle Gring, Erik Wright, Chris Woudstra, Ben Vaughn and Brad Barath all

received honorable mention status.

Salem finished at the bottom of the Lakes Division but that didn't stop outfielder Bill Leddy from making all-conference in his senior year. Josh Ritter, Brad Way, Sam Ott and Joe Posler were chosen for honorable mentions in the all-Lake division.

John Glenn struggled through a tough season with an 11-13 overall record and a fourth-place finish (4-6) in the Lakes. Junior outfielder Jerry Smith earned an all-Lakes nod. Nate Lopez, Shawn Dunford, Ryan Sharp, Jake Murawski, Jeff Girgen and Ryan Lopez were honorable mentions.

Senior infielder Alex Harvey and junior outfielder Matt Barrera were named to the all-Western team from Plymouth. Bryon Stote, Ben Kozmalski and Nate McManos were honorable mentions.

Wayne's senior ace pitcher Justin Collup and senior outfielder Earl Martin were selected to the all-Western team. Andrew Kaletu, Clint Cavanaugh and Mike Green made the honorable mention list.

Softball

Plymouth and Canton ranked at the top of the conference on the girls' diamond with Northville close behind.

All three teams had stellar pitching. Plymouth's junior hurler Claire Ostrowski and Northville's sophomore Jenna Dumbleton (at large) were named to the all-

league team while Canton's sophomore Hillary Payne made all-Western division.

"Jenna has great command of her pitches and is one of the best pitchers in our conference," said Northville Coach Teryn Fox.

Dumbleton also received an all-District nod along with teammates Emma Wise (outfields), Christy Badeen (first) and Laura Zima (at-large).

Wise and Zima were also all-league.

"Laura has the strongest arm I've ever seen," Fox said. "She scoops up everything hit to her and takes away the bunt well. She hit two homeruns over the fence this year and hit .490 for the season."

"Emma catches everything hit in her direction and is extremely quick," she added. "She only committed one error all year."

Junior outfielder Alyssa Johnson, of Canton, also made the all-league team along with Plymouth junior infielder Kim Klonowski.

Northville also had freshman catcher Sarah Rounsifer and junior infielder Bridget Hughes selected to the all-Western team. Canton added senior infielders Brittney Scero and Rachel Wade and junior infielder Lauren Delpaz. Plymouth senior infielder Lauren Stemberger, junior Madison Dresser (at-large) and freshman infielder Beth Heldemyer also made the list.



Freshman hurler Samantha Cole was selected all-district for the Belleville Lady Tigers.

Tigers

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Ivan and first-baser Jasmine 'Blue' Haralson back on the field. Returning sophomores include Jessica Kovach, Lacey Marcotte and Kendall Acho.

"We have a lot of kids coming back but we'll have key positions at third, catcher and outfield to fill," Curtis said.

She hopes that next year's team will grow like the Lady Tigers did this season. The team started out the season

rocky but eventually won the district championship, moving them in to the regional tournament.

"They just got better and better as the season went on," she said. "Players stepped up when needed and, in the second half of the season, the team improved in all aspects of the game."

Once summer is over, those returning will not only hit the books, but start preparing for another run at the state championship.

Will next year be the year of the Lady Tiger?



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SPORTS

Northville kickers make all-state

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Although the mighty Lady Mustang soccer team didn't wrap their hands around the state championship trophy this year, they still earned the most all-state honors of any team including back-to-back state champs Novi.

Northville had four players named to one of the three all-state teams with two taking honorable mention nods.

Senior forward Lauren Hill and junior forward Danielle Toney were both selected to the all-state first team and were given 'Dream Team' status by the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association.

"They each bring their own character and style to the game," said Northville Coach Ron Meteyer. "Lauren has unlimited energy. She sees opportunities and exploits them."

Hill currently holds the schools all-time scoring record and will take her skills to Michigan State University in the fall.

Toney is right on her heals as far as scoring, though.

"Dani actually has a greater scoring ration of goals to games," Meteyer added. "She brings the best speed and acceleration you'll

find anywhere on the field."

Senior forward Vanessa Bailey was placed on the all-state second team while teammate senior defender Jennifer Ulmer made the third team. Senior forward Lindsey Blair and sophomore midfielder Theresa Yankovich each received an honorable mention.

Bailey didn't play her junior year due to an injury. In the off-season she managed to catch the eye of recruiters while playing for her club team and earned a scholarship to the University of Hawaii.

Ulmer, although a senior, was new to the team this year. She hails from a small town in Ohio where she was the best player on a bad team, according to Meteyer. He was thankful to have her.

"What would we have done without her," he asked. "She had to assume a leadership role with a bunch of kids she didn't know but she stepped right into it"

Ulmer will join Hill at MSU.

Meteyer totes Blair as the 'Energizer Bunny'—never stopping while in play. She scored four goals and assisted on two others in the play-offs alone.

"She had excellent season stats and really did well going into the playoffs," Meteyer said. "She constantly steps up play to match the competitors."



Lauren Hill received an all-state selection and 'Dream Team' status. She will take her soccer skills to Michigan State University in the fall.

Blair will play at Oakland University.

Yankovich scored 14 goals in the regular season and added three more with two assists in the playoffs.

"She stepped into the role and provided instant leadership," Meteyer said. "She is a hard worker and a very good student; very sharp."

Northville wasn't the only Journal-area team to win all-state honors.

John Glenn's senior goalkeeper was named to the second team. Canton's senior forward Lisa Ealy was placed on the third team along with Salem junior forward Kelly Adsit. Canton junior forward Becci Houdek and Plymouth senior midfielder Stacey Dillon each received an honorable mention.

Ignition

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ning team together now—a winning team in our first year.

The players were picked and now Bibb and Pulisic have to negotiate contracts and sign the 16 players as well as the team's college draftees.

Ryan Alexander was the Ignition's first pick in the collegiate draft out of the University of Michigan. They also have Yohann Mauger, Chris Edwards, John Mariscalco and Plymouth native John Kaczmarek from the inaugural collegiate draft.

"I feel a high percentage will sign and be in a Detroit Ignition uniform this season," Pulisic said. Training camp starts Oct. 3,

which will prepare the team for a November start with home game played at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township.

Bibb is mixed about the fast approaching November start.

"There's still a lot of work to do on both the business and team side of things," he said. "In some ways I wish November was still five months away and on another I wish it were five days away. So, there are some mixed feelings about that."

Pulisic, on the other hand, is excited.

"I think we're in good shape," he said. "With the draft I'm finally able to see what I have as a team. I'm anxious to get it going."

For more information about the Detroit Ignition go to www.detroitignition.com.

Track

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Lowe, Erika Wasson and Brianna Watts also received the honors.

Cook said the success of the team goes way beyond his 21 years of coaching. He thanks his assistant Calvin Valentine and the three wise men (as he called them): James Hall and Frances McCauley and Mr. Vesey—mister because even Cook doesn't know Vesey's his first name.

"I call him mister out of respect," he said. "I only know him as the 'godfather.' The three of them have supported me all

year long."

Whatever the trick, Cook will have a slue of talent, with the exception of Howard and Buckley, coming back for another chance at a state title next spring.

"(Howard and Buckley) will truly be missed but the younger girls have learned a lot from them," Cook said. "We have a good group coming back, which is a good thing for us. We feel we will be able to compete on the state level again. We're right where we want to be."

On the boys' side of the track Donzell Carter, Mario Crawford, Shauntez Johnson, Leroy Talley, Shane Wells and Darryl White were named all-conference.

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Defendant.

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Next Level football camp returns

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Next Level football camp is back. Former Inkster resident and Dearborn Heights Robichaud football standout Jason Malloy will host his 3rd Annual Next Level Football Camp next month. Malloy, who spent his college years as a Bronco at Western Michigan University, now lives in Canton, teaches at Ypsilanti Lincoln and coaches varsity football at Ypsilanti High. His Next Level camp is directed toward middle and high school athletes. He provides young athletes the exciting opportunity to develop fundamental football skills in a well-supervised, organized and enthusiastic environment. The camp operates under the simple

philosophy of giving each participant the finest instruction possible from a qualified staff in a fun atmosphere, according to Malloy. Areas of concentration include flexibility, form running and sprint technique. Malloy said NFL and former University of Michigan running back Tyrone Wheatley will be on hand as an inspirational speaker. The staff will also use NFL, college and personal highlights films along with technique videos for instructional purposes throughout training. Next Level is a non-contact camp so no helmets or pads are necessary but football cleats, gym shoes and mouth guard are required. Camp will be held rain or shine. The camp will be held at Ypsilanti Lincoln High School

on July 14—for middle school athletes (7th and 8th graders) only. High school players (9-12 grades) will train for two days—July 15 & 16. The camp will run from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on all three days. All participants receive a free continental breakfast and lunch during camp. The cost is \$20 (checks made payable to: Next Level Football Camp). Register by mail at: ATT: Jason A. Malloy (Next Level Camp) P.O. BOX 1034, Garden City, MI 48134. Last day for registration is July 10 and can be done in person from 4-7 p.m. in front of Lincoln High School. The first 100 registrants will receive a free t-shirt. For more information about Next Level go to www.nextlevel55.com or contact Jason Malloy at nextlevel55@sbcglobal.net.

Whalers high school camp

Matt Whalen
Staff Writer

The Plymouth Whalers are offering a summer skills camp for prep and varsity level players from Aug. 14-18. This camp is for boys ages 13-18 and girls ages 12-17. Registration for this camp will take place from 8-9 a.m. on Aug. 14 for boys, and from noon to 1 p.m. for girls. It can be done in person or by phone. The camp fee is \$300. Players will receive instruction on sharpening their on-ice skills and be given weight lifting orientations on Aug. 14, 16, and 18. The daily on-ice training sessions for boys will run from 9-10:50 a.m. The weight training instruction will follow from 11 a.m. to noon. For girls, the on-ice training will be each day from 1-2:50 p.m. This will be followed up by a weight lifting orientation from 3-4 p.m. Following their usual on ice

training sessions both boys and girls will receive advice in nutrition and plyometrics on Aug. 15. This seminar will take place from 11 a.m. to noon for boys, and from 3-4 p.m. for girls. On Aug. 17, players will be instructed in a equipment and plyometrics seminar upon completing their on-ice training. The seminar will be from 11 a.m. to noon for boys, and from 3-4 p.m. for girls. In addition to instruction and a Whalers camp jersey and T-shirt all participants will receive a nutrition packet, off-ice conditioning manual, and discounts to the CSA Pro Shop and HS Sticks and Pucks Sessions. Campers will also get a complimentary pass to a Whalers game next season. For more information about the Plymouth Whalers Summer Hockey Schools contact the Compuware Ice Arena at (734) 453-6400 or online at www.compuwarehockey.com

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES JUNE 20, 2006

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor King, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Clair, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Rochowiak. Absent and excused: Clerk Payne. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Public Safety Director Champagne, Recreation and Facilities Director Ross, Secretary Ireland and an audience of fifteen (15).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jahr moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

MINUTES: Rochowiak moved, Hart seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of June 5, 2006 as presented. Carried.

Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the Closed Session Minutes of June 5, 2006 as presented. Carried.

Hart moved, Budd seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 6, 2006 as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Board acknowledged and congratulated Detective Marc Abdilla and Sergeant Kenneth Floro for graduating from the Washtenaw County Mutual Aid Firefighter I and II Academy on June 10, 2006. It was noted that this is a first in the history of Van Buren Township that two (2) existing police officers that are also paid call firefighters. Director Champagne, Battalion Chief Folks, Trustee Clair and Trustee Hart presented them with their firefighter badges.

Property taxes can now be paid by credit card online at www.vanburen-mi.org or by calling 1-800-272-9829. Credit card payments cannot be accepted in the Treasurer's Office. There is a 3% service charge applied to use this service.

A notice from the Water and Sewer Department advised the Township is under voluntary outdoor water use restrictions. Beginning immediately through September addresses ending in an odd number should do outdoor watering only on odd numbered days and those whose address ends in even numbers should use water outdoors on even numbered days. Customers should also limit or avoid outdoor water use during peak times from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily. Lastly, people utilizing underground lawn irrigation systems are asked to program watering to start after midnight and end by 5:00 a.m., and adhere to the odd/even days.

Public Safety Director Champagne advised that the construction of Fire Station #2 on Belleville Road is moving along well. Construction is currently ahead of schedule because of good weather conditions and the roof will soon be finished, doors and windows are in and all but minor concrete work is being completed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Clair moved, Hart seconded to approve the Telecommunications Permit application UT5618897/M63107/06-664 to permit the installation and construction of approximately 85' lineal feet of underground telecommunication and related infrastructure within the very northern portion of the I-94 right of way, east of Oak Lane and west of Haggerty Road as regulated by Chapter 80, Telecommunications, Sections 80-1 through 80-34 inclusive, of the General Ordinances of the Charter Township of Van Buren. Carried.

Hart moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the Telecommunication Permit application UT#5612553/M63107/06-891 to permit the installation and construction of approximately 2800 lineal feet of underground telecommunication and related infrastructure within the northern portion of the Tyler Road public road right of way, east of Belleville Road and west of Haggerty Road as regulated by Chapter 80, Telecommunications, Sections 80-1 through 80-34 inclusive, of the General Ordinances of the Charter Township of Van Buren. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Budd moved, Jahr seconded to approve the June 20, 2006 voucher list. Carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor King ordered the May 2006 Budgetary and May 2006 Public Safety Reports received and filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Supervisor King announced "Taking it to the Streets" a free recreational event on June 23, 2006 from noon – 4:00 p.m. at Tyler Elementary School. To participate in the activity, a registration card will need to be completed. For information contact the Recreation Department at 734.699.8921. The Van Buren Civic Fund is hosting a free lunch on Saturday, July 15, 2005 at the U of M Boathouse. Hot dogs, chips and soda will be provided. Prior to the luncheon the Parks and Recreation Department will host a community build for an ADA (American with Disabilities Act) play structure beginning at 7:30 a.m. For information, contact the Recreation Department at 734.699.8921. The September Days Senior Center Summer Jamboree "As Time Goes By" will be held on Friday, August 11, 2006. Bingo will be from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Dinner at 5:30 and Music and Dancing from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Admission is \$5 for current members and \$10 for guests. For information, contact the Senior Center at 734.699-8918.

Trustee Clair informed the audience that the Belleville Community Band will make its first appearance of the summer at Belleville Victory Park on Sunday, June 25, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. There is no cost for this event. If anyone plays an instrument, please join the Belleville Community Band. They practice on Monday nights from 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church.

The Recreation Department announced the 2006 fireworks display will be held on Saturday, June 24th with a rain date of Sunday, June 25th at the Beck Road baseball fields at dusk. For further information contact the Recreation Department at 734.699.8921.

Township resident announced his son had received a kidney transplant and thanked the donor along with the public for their well wishes and prayers. Both are doing well.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Township resident advised that he caught a person dumping oil on Van Born Road. Also he would like to see the Township obtain a four-wheeler and believes that it would be excellent for local events as well as tracking through the woods.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Hart moved, Rochowiak seconded to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King
Township Supervisor

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